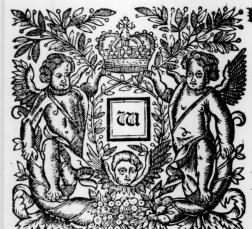


By the Lords Justices,

A PROCLIA MATION.

Tho. Cantuar. J. Sommers C. Devonshire, Sunderland, Romney.



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Hereas there was an Act made the last Session of Parliament, Intituled, An Act to Enforce the Act for the Increase and Incouragement of Seamen; To the end therefore that all Seamen and other Persons concerned in the said Act may be Informed of the Matters therein Contained, The have thought sit, by the Advice of his Massesties Privy Council to Issue this Proclamation, hereby giving Potice, that in the said Act, it is (amongst other things) Enacted, That such Registred Seamen, who by Age, Mounds, or other Accidents, shall be Disabled for suture Service at Sea, and the Tsidows and Children of such Seamen, as by Tirtue of an Act made at a Session of Parliament held in the Seventh and Eighth Pears of his Majesties Reign, Entituled, An Act for the Increase and Incouragement of Seamen, may Claim the Relief of Greenwich Hospital, shall, sor the avoiding of all Partiality and Fabour, from time to time, in Succession one after another, be Admitted into the said Hospital in Order and due Course, according to their Number on the Register Bok.

Also for the Ease of Seamen desirous to be Registred, they Hall be obliged to bring or cause to be brought to the Register Officer. Certificates of the Place of their Abode, or Removal from their Habitation, under the Hands of only One or more Justices of the Peace of the Place or County Where they Dwell. And that for the better Levying and Collecting the Duties of Six Pence per Mensem, Granted by the said last Recited Act, for the Revenues and Support of the Hospital Charities, and Bounties therein mentioned, the Officers appointed for the Registring Seamen, or their Deputies, may by Warrant under their hands, Summon to Appear before them all Makers of any Ships, and Uellels which are not in his Majesties Service, and Examins them upon Dath concerning their Seamens Wages, and time of Service; And if such Wasters shall Refuse to Appear on the said Summons, or shall Appear and Refuse to give the said Accounts upon Dath, of their Seamens Mages, and time of Service, then such Offender shall for every such Offence Forfeit Ten Pounds, for the Ale of the laid Hospital, to be Recovered with Charges of Suit in any of his Pajelties Courts of Retoed, as is mentioned in the faid An, excepting Quakers of Reputed Quakers, who are thereby Required to give in the faid Accounts on their Solemn Affirmation and Declaration, in such manner as by an Act made at a Section of Parliament held in the Seventh and Eighth Pears of His Wajesties Reign, Entituled, An Act that the Solemn Affirmation and Declaration of the People called Quakers shall be Accepted instead of an Oath in the usual Form, is directed. and on their Refusal so to do, to be liable to the aforesaid Penalties. And that such Registred Seamen as shall Lend of Dispose of their Certificates to any other Persons to Protect them from being Imprest into his Wajesties Service, thall be truck out of the Register, and be Obliged to Serve His Wajesty at Sea for the space of Six Months Without any Pay of Mages, as in Case of Registred Hen not Appearing on Summons to Serve in His Wajesties Service, according to the said last Recited Act; And such Wen as shall Procure, Keep, or Use the said Certificates toz the said Purpose, shall fozfeit Twenty Pounds, oz Serve His Wajesty in Sea Service Six Months, Without any Pay or Mages. And also that the Mayors, Deputy Mayors, Bailiffs, or Deputy Bailiffs of any of the Lowns Within the Jurisdiction of the Cinque Ports, where no Justice of the Peace shall be Reliding or Inhabiting Within Thie Miles of such Port or Place, may Certific the Abode of Persons to be Registred. instead of the said Justice of the Peace.

Given at the Court at Whitehall the Twenty seventh Day of May, 1697. In the Ninth Year of His Majesties Reign.

God fave the King.

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